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The publications use the technique of increasing the gate voltage by ΔV_{pp} , wherein the program to be used has a constant programming pulse width in a programming algorithm for matching V_t of one state. In this case, if distribution of the V_t is required to be narrowed for the purpose of realizing high-speed flash memory of multilevel, "over-programming" is easy to occur.

A partial English translation has been provided for the Japanese Patent No. JP 11-134879.

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For the Examiner's convenience, we attach hereto U.S. Patent No. _____, which is the corresponding U.S. equivalent of _____. Submission of the English language equivalent(s) is deemed to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of relevancy.

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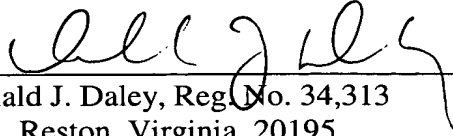
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		Giovanni Campardo, et al., "40-mm2 3-V-Only 50-MHz 64-Mb 2-v/Cell CHE NOR Flash Memory", IEEE Journal Of Solid-State Circuits, Vol. 35, No. 11, November 2000					
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